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Remarks

By this amendment, Applicant has cancelled claims 2, 5, and 6 and amended claims 1, 3, 4, 7, and 8 to set forth the invention more particularly. No new matter is added by this amendment. The following claims remain in the present application.

Independent Claim: 1

Dependent Claims: 3, 4, 7, 8

In the office action, Examiner rejected claims 1–5, 7, and 8. However, Examiner indicated that claim 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to incorporate all the limitations of the base independent claim and interceding dependent claims. Rather than amending claim 6, Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of claims 2, 5, and 6, as suggested by Examiner. Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 1, as incorporating all the limitations of claim 6 along with the limitations of interceding claims 2 and 5, is now in condition for allowance.

Amended claims 3, 4, 7, and 8 depend from amended claim 1. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 3, 4, 7, and 8 are now in condition for allowance as depending from an allowable independent claim.

Should Examiner believe that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of this application, the undersigned would invite and request such an interview.

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